

on the amendment for 90 minutes, with the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of this time, the amendment be set aside, and the Senate then consider the only other amendment in order to the bill, a Sanders amendment re: tax on high-income individuals; that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to that amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of all time with respect to the bill and amendments, the measure be set aside to recur upon disposition of H.R. 7081; that with respect to the disposition of the amendments to H.R. 1424, the first vote occur with respect to the Sanders amendment; that upon disposition of that amendment, the Senate would then consider the Dodd, et al., amendment, that upon disposition of that amendment, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage, with the above occurring without further intervening action or debate, the Dodd, et al., amendment and the bill be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—HOUSE MESSAGE TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2095**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all postcloture time be yielded except for 30 minutes, and that—this is in regard to H.R. 2095, the rail safety bill—at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, the Senate resume consideration of the House message with respect to H.R. 2095 and that the time until 7:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that at 7:30 p.m. the motion to concur with the amendments be withdrawn, and the Senate then proceed to vote on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill; that upon disposition of the House message, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 7081, the India-U.S. Cooperative Agreement, and then proceed to vote in relation to the amendments to the bill and passage and that the amendments be voted in the order offered; that on Wednesday, October 1, there be 2 minutes of debate prior to each vote, equally divided and

controlled; and that after the first vote of any sequence, the succeeding votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, let me say that after long discussions with Senator DODD, the chairman of the Finance Committee, the chairman of the Budget Committee, and other Senators, including JACK REED, and, of course, in constant contact with the Republican leader, with maybe eight or nine conversations today, and conversations with people in the House and with the White House, it has been determined in our judgment this is the best way to move forward. This is good for the country.

Mr. President, I do not want to sound like a stuck record, but I have known the distinguished Senator from Connecticut for 26 years. We have served in the Senate together for 22 years. We have worked together on many different issues but never as we have during the housing debate which concluded successfully and this financial crisis in which we find ourselves.

Each day that goes by I am more admiring of the work he has done. Today is an example. This has been very difficult, and words cannot express well enough how satisfied I am with the work he has done and what a good thing he has done for the State of Connecticut, the State of Nevada, the State of Kentucky, and our country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is recognized.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, let me just say this is one of the finer moments in the Senate. We have come together on a bipartisan basis and structured a way forward on an important rescue package for our country.

I commend the majority leader, my good friend, for his extraordinary work on this issue, as well as Senator DODD and Senator GREGG, who have been the lead negotiators on this matter for the Senate.

This is an important accomplishment and a way forward to get a result we need to achieve for the American people.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Finally, Mr. President, if I could say this: One person has been with me now for the last 24 hours al-

most constantly: Senator DURBIN from Illinois. He has helped me make dozens of phone calls today. He had a number of meetings. I want the RECORD to reflect his involvement in this has been important and essential.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

**ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, the Senate proceed to H.R. 7081, the India-United States Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act, as provided for under a previous order; further, that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly conference lunches.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PROGRAM**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, tomorrow we expect to have the rollcall vote on the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 2095, the rail safety-Amtrak legislation, around 7:30 p.m. Additional rollcall votes are possible tomorrow evening.

**RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:16 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

ROBERT W. MCGOWAN, OF NEVADA, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2015, VICE ALAN CRAIG KESSLER, TERM EXPIRING.